

**Sunshine Baskets for 11/11/07**

Kathy Trisdale, Jerline Stafford, Ann Flatt, Crystal Maberry, Mindy Dennis, Barbara Scott

**Happy Birthday to...**

Velma Hix (6), Grayson Smith (6), Jennifer Phillips (8), Chelsea Maxwell (9), Dakota Burris (10)

**Happy Anniversary to...**

Bill & Ann Coe (11/4/61), John & Barbara Mabery (11/5/76), Roy & Betty Smallwood (11/9/63)

**Requested Our Prayers ...** Chris Mabery, Robert Haney

**Announcements & Upcoming Events...**

**Directory Changes:** We are putting together a new directory! The dates are as follows: March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>. Please keep these in mind. If you would like to have your email address or cell phone number added with your other information, please put it on the newest typed paper in the back of the auditorium. Make sure if you have any elderly family members who may be sick and/or shut-in that you check their information as well.

**November 4, 2007:** It's a Girl! Baby Shower for Daniel & Rebecca Meadows Bowman @ Shiloh Church of Christ, 2:00-4:00 pm.

**November 10, 2007:** Ladies' Day Out in Mt. Juliet. Sign-up sheet in the back of the auditorium. Keep your ears open for info!

**November 16, 2007:** P.A.J.C.H. Play & Choral Performance. "Angels Expose Leaks in Fairytale Land." Begins @ 6 pm @ the Center Grove Community Center. Free admission but donations appreciated. Concessions will also be available.

**Privileged To Serve November 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Ushers ..... Alton Mayberry, Glen Haney, Thurel Flatt, Tracy Jenkins
Announcements ..... Sjon Gentry
Song Leader ..... John Anderson
Scripture Reading ..... Dale Dennis
Speaker ..... John Mabery
Opening Prayer ..... Bill Coe
Closing Prayer ..... Steve Hensley
Oversee Lord's Supper . Chris Mabery
Prepare Trays ..... Tyler Meadows
Scripture Reading ..... Jimmy Strong
Serve ..... \*Greg Scott, \*Charles Mitchell, \*Neal Chaffin, Mike Netherton, Roger Robinson, Jesse Anderson
Alternate to Serve ..... Kevin Moss, Burton Young
Dismiss Classes ..... Mark Collins
Count Contribution ..... Corky Trisdale, Rellon Burris, Blake Maberry, Earl Crabtree
Response Card ..... Jerry Young
Power Point ..... Blake Maberry

**Sunday Night (11/11)**

- Speaker ..... Jerry Young
Scripture Reading ..... Benjamin Gentry
Song Leader ..... Jeremy Kirby
Opening Prayer ..... Ted Ragland
Closing Prayer ..... Tyler Trisdale
Power Point ..... Kevin Moss

**Wednesday (11/14)**

- Song Leader ..... Roy Young
Invitation ..... John Anderson
Opening Prayer ..... Royce Jenkins
Closing Prayer ..... Robert Crabtree

\*Take to the sick & shut-in. Let Jerry Young know if you can't serve.

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Carl Call 268.2040
Sjon Gentry 268.3273
Bobby Haney 268.2754
Jerry Young 268.2215

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**To Be Saved, JESUS Said We MUST...**

Believe Him (Jn.8:24; Heb.11:6)
Repent of our sins (Lk.13:3, 5)
Confess Christ (Rom.10:9-10)
Be immersed in water for remission of sins (Mk.16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom.6:3-4)

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**Love One Another (Part II)**

By John Mabery

In the previous article, we attempted to stress the importance of our learning to love God and the brethren. According to Jesus, love for God is the first and great command, and loving our neighbor as our self is the second (cf. Mat 22:37-40).

Peter said he would die before he would deny Jesus (Mark 14:31). He seemed true to his word for when Jesus was arrested, he immediately drew the sword in a defensive action (John 18:10). But later, when things calmed down, Peter was asked if he had been with the Lord, and this time he denied Him, just like Jesus said he would (Mark 14:71). Yes, Peter was sincere when he said he would never deny the Lord, but he was wrong. His confidence, faith and love weren't as strong as he thought. We should learn a lesson from this; we might think we love God and the brethren, yet be wrong! We need to examine our life and be sure!

Simply put, if we love God, we'll do whatever He commands (John 14:15; 1 John 2:4). When some decided not to obey Him, yet continued calling Him "Lord", Jesus asked,

"...why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46)

He went on to say that wise people hear and obey Him. Many people think they love God, but are not [completely] obeying Him. Some have been misled by false teachers; some willfully choose partial obedience. In either case, disobedience not only demonstrates ignorance or a lack of love for God, it results in eternal condemnation (cf. Mat 7:21).

Another mark of love for God is our love for the brethren (1 John 4:20-21). We can know that we love the brethren when their well-being is a high priority with us. Love can be tested with little difficulty. For example, good parents put the well-being of their children first. Continued inside...

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**Schedule of Services**

Sunday: Bible Classes @ 9:00 a.m.
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
Worship @ 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Classes @ 7:00 p.m.
Our A.M. Service is Televised on Monday on Cable Channel 9 @ 6:00 pm

Radio: "The Lord's Word" on WLIV 920 AM
10:10 a.m. Monday - Saturday
(We broadcast Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

Website: www.centergrovecoc.com

How many parents put their desires on hold in order to provide for their children? It might be passing up a day of good fishing in order to take the kids to the circus. It could be getting out of the recliner after a hard day's work in order to play catch with the kids. It may be cooking supper when you should be in bed nursing a fever. We all know that parents **regularly** put their children's needs in front of their own, and in so doing, prove their love. Love for the brethren behaves the same way; *willingly* putting the interests of others in front of its own desires.

<sup>3</sup> Let nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, (Phil 2:3-5)

It's not the only way to demonstrate love for the brethren, but it might be the most obvious; i.e. not forsaking church assemblies. Yes, we're commanded to assemble with the saints (Heb 10:25); but love doesn't need a command. When we were dating, no one had to command me to spend time with Barbara Rose. Someone said her mother couldn't throw dishwater out the door without hitting me in the face. Without a command I was there because that's where I wanted to be! **Love wants to spend time with loved ones!** Love wants to be helpful; i.e. in a position to help and render assistance when loved ones are in need. The assemblies provide this opportunity.

And **let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works**, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, ... (Heb 10:24-25a; bold, jm)

First, "let us consider one another" - brotherly love in action! Rather than thinking about ME, love considers the brethren. Second, love has a purpose; i.e. "in order to", or, that we might be able to (1) "stir up love", for God and the brethren, and (2) "stir up [one another unto] good works" (we all need persuading). If I love my brethren, I'll **want** to assemble with them so I can do what is in my power to encourage and build them up. Love fights for the salvation of others! No, love doesn't need a command! Love **wants** to be where the brethren are in order to help them overcome while traveling the highway to heaven. **One of the easiest ways to test my love for my brethren is by (1) how often I assemble with them, and (2) my reason for doing so.**

Ida Thomas	<b><u>Sick at Home</u></b>	Jo Ann Ledbetter
Sandy Haney	Ruby Dunn	Robert Haney
Zella Charles	Aline Whitaker	Roberta Hix
Donald Burris	Marie Shoemake	Glenda Burchett
Dorothy Burris	Bob Radtke	Stephanie Smith
Deleann Strong	Paulette Radtke	Mattie Ransom
Ozelma Martin	Bobby Elkins	Bud Coffman
Bessie Young	Mildred Elkins	Don Chaffin
Wanda Warren	Connie Rhodes	Richard Martin
Lillie Goolsby	Bill Wisdom	Beatrice Spurlock
Opal Pippin	Vickie Wilson	Katherine Mabery

**"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer & supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God," (Phil.4:6)**

**Area Hospitals:**

**Cookeville:** Ray Flatt  
**McMinnville:** Mary Davidson

**Area Rest Homes:**

**NHC:** Alice Pippin, Joe Anderson, Mary L. Dudney  
**Mabry:** Plytha Petty, Wilma Howell  
**Clay Co.:** James Allen  
**Michigan:** Viola Scarlett  
**Atlanta:** Kalob Roberson

**New Pledge of Allegiance**

***Written by a 15 year old School Kid in Arizona***

Since the Pledge of Allegiance and The Lord's Prayer are not allowed in most public schools anymore and because the word "God" is mentioned, a kid in Arizona wrote this new school prayer...

Now I sit me down in school  
 Where praying is against the rule  
 For this great nation under God  
 Finds mention of Him very odd.

If Scripture now the class recites,  
 It violates the Bill of Rights.  
 And anytime my head I bow  
 Becomes a Federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,  
 That's no offense; it's a freedom scene.  
 The law is specific, the law is precise.  
 Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall  
 Might offend someone with no faith at all.  
 In silence alone we must meditate,  
 God's name is prohibited by the state.

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,  
 And pierce our noses, tongues & cheeks.  
 They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.

To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,  
 And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.  
 It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong,

We're taught that such "judgments" do not belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls,  
 Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles.  
 But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,  
 No word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess,  
 When chaos reigns the school's a mess.  
 So, Lord, this silent plea I make:  
 Should I be shot; My soul please take!

Amen!

**Letter from an unsaved friend**

***By Anonymous***

My friend I stand in judgment now and feel  
 that you're to blame somehow.  
 On Earth I walked with you by day,  
 Never did you show the way.  
 You knew the Savior in truth & glory,  
 But never did you tell his story.  
 My knowledge then was very dim;  
 You could have led me safe to Him.  
 Though we lived together here on Earth,  
 You never told me of the second birth.  
 And now I stand before eternal hell,  
 Because of Heaven's Glory you did not tell.

